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CONNECTOR ELEMENT FOR

CONNECTING FROM PARTS AT A JOINT LOCATION IN A BICYCLE FRAMEWORK AND CONNECTOR ELEMENT OBTAINED

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Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated December 3, 2003 (Paper No. 11) and places the application in condition for allowance.